

MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

April 1, 2003

Meeting Held At:

Santa Clara Point Recreation Center
1008 Santa Clara Place
San Diego, CA 92109

Mailing Address Is:

Park and Recreation Department
Developed Regional Parks
Attn: Mission Bay Park Manager
Staff Representative
2581 Quivira Court
San Diego, CA 92109

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Kevin Faulconer, Chairperson
Don Hall
Mary Lynn Hyde
Ted Jardine
Val Kraft
James Moore
Bob Otilie, Vice Chair
Sam Parisa
Don Peterson
John Ready
Judy Swink

Absent:

Daniel Fox
Michael Pallamary

Staff:

Michael Behan, Park and Recreation
Howard Greenstein, Park and Recreation
Chris Hargett, Real Estate Assets
Gary Jones, Real Estate Assets
Beth Murray, City Manager's Office
Dave Martens, Real Estate Assets
Deborah Sharpe, Park and Recreation
Gary Stromberg, Park and Recreation

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Faulconer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

TED JARDINE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2003 MEETING AS AMENDED TO REFLECT COMMITTEE COMMENT REGARDING A DESIRE TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON THE POLICY REGARDING ACCEPTANCE AND LOCATION OF DONATED TREES. DON HALL SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

1. Park and Recreation Department Budget

Kevin Faulconer reported on Park and Recreation Board discussion regarding proposed cuts to the department budget and potential impacts on park maintenance and operations.

STAFF REPORT

1. San Diego Crew Classic

Gary Stromberg reported that Crew Classic Rowing Regatta was scheduled for April 5-6, 2003, in the Sail Bay portion of Mission Bay.

2. OMBAC 50th Anniversary Parade

Gary Stromberg reported that OMBAC was seeking a permit from the City Office of Special Events to conduct a parade in honor of its 50th anniversary. The parade is scheduled for May 10, 2003, and will be held in South Mission Beach on Mission Boulevard.

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3. Rock and Roll Marathon

Gary Stromberg reminded the Committee that the Rock and Roll Marathon was scheduled for June 1, 2003, using the same schedule and route as was done in 2002.

4. AVP Volleyball

Gary Stromberg reported that a professional volleyball tournament was being scheduled for June 13-15, 2003, at Mariners Point. The issue is scheduled to be heard at the Coastal Commission on April 9, 2003.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent (The Consent Agenda will be acted upon, as a whole, with little or no discussion. Any one member of the Committee may move a Consent Item to Adoption.)

None.

Adoption (Each Adoption Item requires individual action.)

201. Proposed Capital Improvement Program for Fiesta Island and South Shores in Mission Bay Park

Deborah Sharpe, Park and Recreation Department, presented a proposed capital improvement program for undeveloped portions of Fiesta Island and South Shores. There was extensive public and Committee comment. Concerns were expressed about the proportion of habitat created versus recreational improvements. Staff was urged to move environmental projects to a higher priority. Concern was expressed that the identified for overflow parking is currently habitat. Staff was requested to add verbiage regarding the use of natural landscaping wherever it is appropriate, particularly in the causeway area to Fiesta Island. Concerns were expressed regarding the proposal to relocate the proposed Mission Bay Nature to South Shores. A preference was indicated for keeping the project in the vicinity of the Northern Wildlife Preserve. There was considerable discussion regarding funding, funding strategy, the budgetary process and timelines. Concerns were expressed about the location and impact of the closed South Shores landfill and the investigative process currently under way. Staff was urged to consider integrating the proposed parking areas with potential beach area transit.

MOTION: BOB OTTILIE MOVED TO RECOMMEND REJECTION OF THE STAFF REPORT AS INCOMPLETE AND NOT RESPONSIVE IN TERMS OF FUNDING TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND THAT THE PROJECT NOT GO FORWARD IN THE PROCESS DUE TO THE LACK OF A FUNDING STRATEGY. STAFF SHOULD RETURN TO THE COMMITTEE WITH A PROPOSAL THAT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

- A. IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDING SOURCES INCLUDING THE PERCENTAGE FROM EACH SOURCE AS IT RELATES TO THE APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF \$240,000,000.**
- B. A PROJECTED TIME LINE FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ASSOCIATED FUNDING.**
- C. A SPECIFIC PLAN FOR PURSUING THE FUNDING.**
- D. A REVIEW OF THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE FUNDING PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED ON A SIX TO TWELVE MONTH BASIS BY APPROPRIATE PARTIES.**
- E. AN EXPRESSION OF FRUSTRATION ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE ABOUT THE LACK OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING.**

TED JARDING SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Hall, yea; Hyde, yea; Jardine, yea; Kraft, yea; Moore, yea; Otilie, yea; Parisa, yea; Peterson, yea; Ready, yea; Swink, yea.

MOTION: JUDY SWINK MOVED TO RECOMMEND MODIFICATION OF THE PRIORITIZED PHASING AS FOLLOWS, AND TO FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE TO STUDY PRIORITIES AND FUNDING:

- 1. SECTION "A" – ADD COASTAL LANDSCAPING AS A PRIORITY AND INDICATE ON THE MAP.**
- 2. MOVE PARKING LOTS DOWN PRIORITY LIST TO NUMBER 9.**
- 3. SECTION "C" – ADD COASTAL LANDSCAPING TO MAP.**
- 4. SECTION "D" – REMOVE THE NATURE CENTER FROM THE REPORT FOR A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT DISCUSSION.**
- 5. SECTION "F" – INSERT PRIORITY FOR COASTAL STRAND LANDSCAPING.**

DON HALL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION AND SECOND WERE WITHDRAWN. A PREFERENCE WAS EXPRESSED TO RETURN THE ITEM AS A WORKSHOP AT THE NEXT FEASIBLE MEETING.

INFORMATION

301. SeaWorld – Proposed Caribbean Realm Project

Gary Jones, Real Estate Assets Department, and Pat Owens, SeaWorld, described SeaWorld's project to redevelop portions of the park around the Happy Harbor Café with a Caribbean theme. The Happy Harbor Café would be replaced with a new restaurant, an open air marketplace would be constructed and a new gift shop would be constructed. This project is scheduled for completion in May 2004.

WORKSHOP

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next regular meeting: **May 6, 2003**

Respectfully submitted,

GARY STROMBERG
Staff Representative